

LOUISIANA GAMING CONTROL BOARD

Minutes of March 21, 2019

The monthly meeting of the Louisiana Gaming Control Board was convened on Thursday, March 21, 2019, 10:00 a.m., in House Committee Room 1 of the Louisiana State Capitol. Present at the meeting were: Ronnie Jones, Chairman, Mark Stipe, James Singleton, Julie Berry, Elton Lagasse, Harry Avant and Claude Jackson. Absent was board member Richard Patrick, and ex-officio members Secretary Kimberly Robinson and Colonel Kevin Reeves.

The meeting was called to order. It was moved by Ms. Berry to waive the reading and approve the minutes of the February meeting. That motion was seconded by Mr. Avant and unanimously approved by the Board.

Donna Jackson, State Police Gaming Audit Section, provided revenue reports for the riverboats, slots at the track, landbased casino, and employee numbers for the landbased casino. Mr. Jim Bossier, also with the Gaming Audit Division, reported on the video poker statistics.

Janet Miller, Executive Director of the Louisiana Association on Compulsive Gambling addressed the Board. She stated March is Problem Gambling Awareness Month. She stated approximately 2 million adults in the United States meet the criteria for gambling addiction and another 4 to 6 million are considered problem gamblers. Ms. Miller also stated she would like to bring a problem gambling court to Louisiana. Currently, Nevada is the only state that has a problem gambling court in the United States.

The Board considered the contract for Court Reporting Services. Following discussion, it was moved by Mr. Lagasse to approve the contract. That motion was seconded by Mr. Jackson and unanimously approved by the Board.

The Board considered the application for Shelf Approval of Debt Transactions by Gaming & Leisure Properties, Inc. Following discussion, it was moved by Ms. Berry to adopt the resolution approving the request. That motion was seconded by Mr. Stipe and unanimously approved by the Board.

The Board considered the new truckstop application of Port Allen Ventures, LLC d/b/a Cajun Circus Travel Plaza & Casino – No. 6100517807. It was moved by Mr. Avant to approve the application and issue the license. That motion was seconded by Mr. Singleton and unanimously approved by the Board.

A. The Board considered final adoption of the following rules:

1. Amendments to LAC 42:III.2115.B (Tax Clearances Required of an Applicant for a Gaming Employee Permit)
2. Amendments to LAC 42:III.2325.H (Compliance, Inspections, and Investigations)

3. Amendments to LAC 42:III.3305.G (Surveillance and Division Room Requirements)

It was moved by Ms. Berry to adopt the amendments for the above stated rules. That motion was seconded by Mr. Stipe and unanimously approved by the Board.

The Board considered Proposed Settlements and Appeal for the following:

1. **In Re: McKinley's Pub, LLC d/b/a McKinley's - No. 2600117016** (proposed settlement) - Motion by Mr. Jackson to approve the \$750 penalty for failure to timely submit the annual fee and required documents. That motion was seconded by Mr. Avant and unanimously approved by the Board.
2. **In Re: A & D Gaming, LLC d/b/a A & D Gaming, LLC – No. 5000614006** (proposed settlement) - Motion by Mr. Singleton to approve the \$2,250 penalty for failure to timely submit the annual fee and required documents; failure to timely notify of a change of ownership; and failure to timely submit suitability documents. That motion was seconded by Mr. Avant and unanimously approved by the Board.
3. **In Re: Porks Up Marrero, LLC d/b/a Shane's Rib Shack – No. 2600216496** (proposed settlement) - Motion by Ms. Berry to approve the \$750 penalty for failure to timely submit annual fee and required documents.
4. **In Re: TK's Sports Bar, LLC d/b/a TK's Sports Bar – No. 2903116000** – (appeal) - Motion by Mr. Jackson to affirm the Hearing Officer's decision imposing a \$750 penalty for failure to timely submit the annual fee and required documents. That motion was seconded by Mr. Jackson and unanimously approved by the Board.

There being no further business, it was moved by Mr. Lagasse to adjourn the meeting. That motion was seconded by Mr. Jackson and unanimously approved by the Board.

The meeting was adjourned.